

## **EXECUTIVE ORDER 2008-18**

### **Continuing the Governor's Commission on the Health Status of Women and Families in Arizona as the Governor's Commission on Women's and Children's Health (Amending and Superseding Executive Order 2000-17)**

**WHEREAS**, the importance of health care cuts across all aspects of the lives of women and children;

**WHEREAS**, without access to health care, women's ability to be productive members of their communities, to care for themselves and their families, and to contribute to the work force is jeopardized;

**WHEREAS**, children with health care coverage are more likely than uninsured children to receive proper medical care for childhood illnesses such as sore throats and asthma;

**WHEREAS**, children with access to health care do better in school and have improved school attendance and performance;

**WHEREAS**, focusing on wellness and prevention is essential to saving lives and reducing health care costs for women and children;

**WHEREAS**, significant improvements must be made to meet national benchmarks that demonstrate Arizona's ability to meet the health care needs of women and children;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby direct that the State of Arizona establish the Governor's Commission on Women's and Children's Health (the "Commission") and order as follows:

1. The Commission shall:
  - a. Be composed of no fewer than 13 and no more than 25 members, who shall be appointed by the Governor and shall serve without compensation at the pleasure of the Governor.
  - b. Meet at the call of the Governor or the Commission Chair, no fewer than four times per year.
  - c. Allow members of Commission, with the Governor's permission, to send designees to serve on the Commission; provided, however, that such designees shall have been delegated by the member with full authority to vote and otherwise act on behalf of the member.
  - d. To the extent possible, be composed of a cross-section of Arizonans who provide ethnic, gender, age, geographic, and socio-economic diversity.
  - e. Include a Governor's designee, and others who demonstrate expertise in issues related to women's and children's health; in addition, it will include ex-officio members representing agencies including the Arizona Department of Health Services, the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System, the Arizona Early Childhood Development and Health Board, and the Arizona Department of Economic Security.

- f. Identify priorities and advise the Governor on the most effective policy direction and methods to improve the health and wellness of Arizona women and children.
- g. Identify and measure indicators of women's and children's health and wellness and report to the Governor about the indicators and commission activities in an Annual Report.
- h. Support and empower women and their families to take control of and manage their health through a strong prevention model.
- i. Collaborate with organizations across the state in the planning and implementation of Arizona's observance of the National Women's Health Week.
- j. Provide a forum for addressing input from the community and work with organizations and the public to increase awareness about issues related to women's and children's health.

The Commission may establish workgroups or ad hoc committees at the discretion of the Chair to work on focus areas identified by the Commission. The established workgroups or committees may include members of the community not serving on the Commission. The Chair may recommend community members, but they must be approved by, and serve at the pleasure of the Governor in order to serve.

Members not attending or sending a designee to more than two meetings in a calendar year, unless extenuating circumstances have been demonstrated, will be removed from the Commission.

This Commission supersedes the Governor's Commission on the Health Status of Women and Families in Arizona.

The Commission shall sunset on December 31, 2011, unless extended by future Executive Order.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

  
GOVERNOR

**DONE**, at the Capitol in Phoenix this 9th day of April in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Eight and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-Second.

ATTEST:

  
SECRETARY OF STATE

